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          Where does the name "ham" originate?  
                  which Ringo do I buy?

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.  
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Date: 11 Jul 94 22:46:15 -0800  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!nic-nac.CSU.net!vax.sonoma.edu!harrisok@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: 2M opening to Hawaii de CA.  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Oh am I jazzed! I just worked Hilo, Hawaii on 2 meters via our club repeater  
here in Sonoma County, CA. The first time I worked Hawaii and it was VHF!

The ducting/QSO occurred at 10:00 PM PDT and my QTH is Santa Rosa, CA.

Oh was that exciting. Just happened to turn the HT on at the right time.  
I worked Chris, AH6GG and his friend Michelle, WH6CQQ.

73,  
Ken Harrison  
N6MHG  
email: harrisok@sonoma.edu

(I had to brag!) :)

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Date: 12 Jul 1994 13:06:55 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!  
newsrelay.iastate.edu!news.iastate.edu!wjturner@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: 2M opening to Hawaii de CA.  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2vu2ii\$if7@cat.cis.Brown.EDU>, md@pstc3.pstc.brown.edu (Michael P.  
Deignan) writes:

|>  
|> Upgrade to General and you can work people even farther away than that.

If you would take the time to look up his call, you would realize he  
already has HF privileges. (At least the novice subbands.)

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Date: 12 Jul 1994 05:04:17 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!nic-nac.CSU.net!charnel.ecst.csuchico.edu!  
galahad@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: 6M Warnings  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

As a new 6M operator, I wanted to find out what other operators used  
to alert themselves when the band has been opened. In lieu of any other  
system, I have been leaving my rig on 50.125 and keeping an ear out for other  
stations when I hear 10M open up.

Any Suggestions?

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Names....I got Lots of those....  
Michael Douglas Polkinghorn / Michael the Bard / Galahad / or Current Resident  
galahad@ecst.csuchico.edu / KD6PUD / BCSCR 736 "Witty Disclaimer"

Date: Mon, 11 Jul 1994 22:49:51

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!udel!news2.sprintlink.net!news.sprintlink.net!  
indirect.com!s146.phxslip.indirect.com!lenwink@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Bob Heil

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Bob Heil of Heil Sound will be the guest this Sunday, July 17, on the  
Ham Radio & More show. If you want to know about sound, microphones,  
headsets, etc, Bob is the guy to ask. Ham Radio & More is on every Sunday  
at 6:00pm EST on the Talk America Network in many cities throughout  
the country and via satellite on Spacenet 3, Transponder 9, 6.8 audio.  
For more info, call 602-241-1510.

73,

Len, KB7LPW

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Date: 11 Jul 1994 22:52:22 -0700

From: nntp.crl.com!crl.crl.com!not-for-mail@decwrl.dec.com

Subject: CW: Complete the Sentence

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

gregory brown (gbrown@unlinfo.unl.edu) wrote:

: Don Montgomery (donrm@sr.hp.com) wrote:

: (Stuff deleted)

: : BENS BEST BENT -----

NAILS

: : what's the last word?

See above. 8-)

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jeffj@crl.com | Be an idiot, work for a living and vote Republican.

AB6MB | Republican: A party devoted to destroying the middle class.

| Democrat: A party devoted to protecting the middle class.

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Date: Tue, 12 Jul 1994 13:21:31 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!wotan.compaq.com!

twisto.eng.hou.compaq.com!news@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: CW: Complete the Sentence  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>but the one I forget goes something like:  
>  
>BENS BEST BENT -----

WIRE

>what's the last word?  
>

It sings when you send it.

Earl Morse  
KZ8E  
KZ8E@bangate.compaq.com

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Date: 12 Jul 94 16:58:11 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Does CW as a pre-req  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Text item: Text\_1

>You forget to mention that the no-code licenses issued in Japan for HF  
>are restricted to domestic contacts and low power, if I'm not  
>mistaken. /JBL KD10N

And why can't we do the same thing in this country. It would be a great way to get newcomers hooked on HF and provide an incentive to upgrade. How about a no-code General class with domestic privileges only and a low power limitation?

73, KG7BK, 00TC, CecilMoore@delphi.com (I do not speak for Intel)

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Date: Tue, 12 Jul 1994 05:43:15 GMT  
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!kahuna!jeffrey@ames.arpa  
Subject: Does CW as a pre-req  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <LEVIN.94Jul111155531@cassandra.bbn.com> levin@bbn.com (Joel B Levin) writes:

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>You forget to mention that the no-code licenses issued in Japan for HF  
>are restricted to domestic contacts and low power, if I'm not  
>mistaken.

Sounds a bit like our CB radio service.

Maybe we should require 11M ops to have a nocode tech license; that would give the techs an HF band to use as amateurs. Allow all HF modes to be used. Maybe throw out the channel scheme and allow VFO operation. Currently 11M runs from 26960 to 27410 kc - maybe the land mobile band from 27410 to 27540 kc could be included in this new tech band. Benefits: 11M would be cleansed, and the techs would get a taste of HF.

Jeff NH6IL

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Date: 12 Jul 94 17:13:55 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Does CW as a pre-req REALLY Work?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Text item: Text\_1

>Everything in life has its requirements, we meet those requirements  
>or don't participate. Earl Morse KZ8E

Hi Earl, What if you were in a wheelchair and couldn't make it up the steps or your wheelchair wouldn't fit in a restroom. Wonder of wonders, someone cares enough to make your handicap a little easier to bear... (and I wouldn't expect someone with a name like yours to be objective about Morse code). :-)

Are you also against deaf hams obtaining medical waivers for the Morse code requirement?

73, KG7BK, 00TC, CecilMoore@delphi.com (I do not speak for Intel)

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Date: Tue, 12 Jul 1994 05:25:33 GMT  
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!kahuna!jeffrey@ames.arpa  
Subject: Exam cheating (was:Does CW as a pre-req REALLY Work?)  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <199407111338.GAA06293@ucsd.edu>  
William=E.=Newkirk%Pubs%GenAv.Mlb@ns14.cca.CR.rockwell.COM writes:

>  
> It's  
> always been expected that there would be cheating in the system from time to  
> time - it even happened with the FCC running the show.

Could you follow up on this with some data?

Jeff NH6IL

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Date: 12 Jul 1994 01:33 CDT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!cs.utexas.edu!convex!news.tcu.edu!news.tcu.edu!  
nntp@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: GARC Shuttle Communications Retransmissions  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2vr9gv\$eo8@paperboy.gsfc.nasa.gov>, Erich Franz Stocker  
<stocker@spsosun.gsfc.nasa.gov> writes...

>  
> INTERESTED IN STS-65 SHUTTLE TRANSMISSIONS  
> The Goddard Amateur Radio Club (GARC) invites interested people to tune  
> in to  
> STS-65 shuttle ground communications transmissions. As a public service  
> to the  
> Amateur radio community, the GARC retransmits space shuttle air-to-ground  
> communications. During the STS-65 mission which also carries a Shuttle

[some deleted]

I felt I just had to say this. I'm listening right now to 3860 kHz and I  
hear more jabber from the guy at the radio club than the retransmissions  
from the shuttle. I've noticed this trend over past shuttle missions as well  
that the radio club talks an awful lot. Some of the information is quite  
useful but at the expense of the primary purpose for the station.  
I don't know how you could solve this problem unless you used another freq for  
your bulletins, maybe up 10 kHz, and announced that on the retransmission  
freq before you speak, or have a regular schedule for these transmission  
on the alternate freq. I hope you don't think I'm griping too much because I  
can't thank the people there enough for this service. When our link here isn't  
working or I go on a trip, you are always there.

Just my \$0.02.

myles KG5AI

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Date: 12 Jul 1994 03:13:47 GMT  
From: korie1!newsworthy.West.Sun.COM!abyss.West.Sun.COM!spot!myers@ames.arpa  
Subject: HTX202/404 Mods?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article DFD@netcom.com, wa2ise@netcom.com (Robert Casey) writes:  
>There are NO mods for the HTX202. This radio's front end only lets in  
>signals between 144 to 148 MHz anyway.  
>  
>The only reason other radios have mods is that those radio's controller  
>firmware was written to allow those mods. The HTX202's firmware  
>doesn't have any code to sense the presense or absense of programming  
>diodes, and thus is not modifiable.

You *could* retune the HTX-202 front end to some other range, if the  
CPU would spew the correct bits at the MC145170 synth chip.

By the way, the synth chip and data is easily available from motorola.  
Nice part. The HTX-202, for the most part, is a nice, simple, design.

Rumor has it that Maxon builds them. Really!

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\* Dana H. Myers KK6JQ, DoD#: j | Views expressed here are  
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\* (310) 348-6043 | mine and do not necessarily \*  
\* Dana.Myers@West.Sun.Com | reflect those of my employer  
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\* This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests \*

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Date: 12 Jul 94 21:52:58 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Ithaca NY Hamfest August 13th 1994  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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or call: N2VJV, Howard Claflin Jr., 607-844-8563 or  
N2ISU, Ross Boyer, 607-257-3511

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Chuck Schultz - chucks@vortex.ithaca.ny.us  
The Total Perspective Vortex BBS, Ithaca, NY

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Date: Tue, 12 Jul 94 02:26:15 -0500  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!news.delphi.com!  
usenet@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Need manual for US Tower MA550  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I recently purchased a US Tower MA550 55-ft tubular crank-up.  
I need a copy of the manual. US Tower REFUSES to supply it!  
Their "company policy" is "we don't support used equipment. If you  
want a manual, buy a new tower" (direct quote to me over the phone -  
nice guys, huh?). Anyway, I'll gladly pay any reasonable copying costs  
or copy your manual and return it. Thanks!

Mike, KB3RG  
PO Box 464  
Moffett Field CA 94035  
(408) 752-6536  
FAX (408) 752-6549  
Email: mlazaroff@delphi.com or CompuServe 73732,1666  
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Date: 12 Jul 1994 13:01:51 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!  
newsrelay.iastate.edu!news.iastate.edu!wjturner@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Re: Does CW as a pre-req REALLY Work?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <77396187534n12@131.168.114.12>,  
Earl=Morse%EMC=SrvC%Eng=Hou@bangate.compaq.com writes:  
|>  
|> Everything in life has its requirements, we meet those requirements or don't  
participate.

I don't see anyone here advocating \*not\* meeting the requirements, only  
that the requirements are outdated and should change. There is a  
difference.

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Date: 12 Jul 1994 13:12:38 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!  
newsfeed.ksu.ksu.edu!moe.ksu.ksu.edu!hobbes.physics.uiowa.edu!  
newsrelay.iastate.edu!news.iastate.edu!wjturner@network.ucsd.  
Subject: Repeater frequencies in IO, MN, MI et IL  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I have no idea where "IO" is, but Des Moines is in IOWA (IA).

As for freqs in the DSM area, try 443.400+ (PL 151.4). This one seems  
to get the most activity here. Other repeaters I know of include  
443.500+, 444.050+, 444.150+, 444.350+, 444.500+, 444.575+, 444.625+.

These may not all be in Des Moines, but in surrounding areas, also. I  
believe they are all open repeaters. (If any require a PL tone, it is  
151.4)

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Date: Tue, 12 Jul 1994 07:19:18 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!news.ysu.edu!malgudi.oar.net!witch!  
intec!menlow@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Site finally up...  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Finally...

The site is up and those of you who wish to review the INSIDE

SECRETS Investigative newsletter are welcome to do so now...

Our site provides free FTP access to over 40 megs of educational files regarding the arts and sciences of investigative technology and other topics. Simply FTP to enlow.com or send email to info@enlow.com for additional information.

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subscribe@enlow.com (nothing needed on Subject or Message areas)

Peace.

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Michael E. Enlow, P. I.                               /
                Where there's a will, there's a      /
                way... My way.                        /
(601) 783-6037                                         /
FX 783-2111                                           /
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Date: 12 Jul 94 17:13:14 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Where does the name "ham" originate?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Text item: Text\_1

>The name "ham" for the radio amateur seems to have an unclear origin.  
>Does anyone have any ideas? Tnx and 73/Tony

The term "ham" existed long before radio was invented, long before Columbus discovered America. You've heard of actors "hamming" it up. The term "ham" for an actor derived from the word "amateur" because amateur actors were the ones most likely to ham it up. It was natural that amateur radio operators would be called hams since they are forever amateurs. My English friends pronounce it 'am.

73, KG7BK, 00TC, CecilMoore@delphi.com (I do not speak for Intel)

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Date: 12 Jul 1994 16:00:42 GMT  
From: nothing.ucsd.edu!brian@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: which Ringo do I buy?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

My experience with the Ringo antennas is that they're at their best

when pounded into the soil as a grounding rod.

Nearly everything else I've bought has outperformed the Ringo in side-by-side comparisons at my house. I'm particularly fond of the Diamond and Comet white stick antennas.

- Brian

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Date: 12 Jul 94 06:43:38 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!news.delphi.com!  
BIX.com!jdow@network.ucsd.edu  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2vppl4\$8l2@cat.cis.Brown.EDU>, <Anthony\_Pelliccio-100794225547@tonto-slip15.cis.brown.edu>, <CssM82.CLn@indep1.chi.il.us>  
Subject : Re: ARRL BIO-EFFECTS RESIGNATIONSGNS

clifto@indep1.chi.il.us (Clifton T. Sharp) writes:

>In article <Anthony\_Pelliccio-100794225547@tonto-slip15.cis.brown.edu>  
>Anthony\_Pelliccio@brown.edu (Tony Pelliccio) writes:  
>>I find this interesting but not surprising. So the ARRL is now in the same  
>>boat as tobacco companies. Hmm... makes me wonder if I'll renew in  
>>November.

> As a smoker, I dislike your comparison. At least the tobacco companies  
>have done something on my behalf that I wanted them to do.

> Seriously, though, I didn't see anything that said ARRL suppressed,  
>modified or ignored any of the Committee's findings, which seem to be the  
>main accusations against tobacco companies. All I saw was that the  
>Committee wasn't consulted prior to the reply deadline for the NPRM, and  
>that it appears (strongly, IMHO) that punitive action was taken by ARRL  
>when the Committee replied to the NPRM as individuals and without ARRL  
>permission.

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> Optimists say, "The glass is half full."  
> Cliff Sharp Pessimists say, "It's half empty."  
> WA9PDM We realists say, "Before I decide,  
> clifto@indep1.chi.il.us tell me what's in the glass."

Seems this is not all that different from what happened to Luck Hurder not long ago. ARRL HQ \*SEEMS\* to be run by a collection of thought control police it would appear. That is not a nice picture, nie?  
{^\_^} jdow@bix.com - opinion expressed is purely my own.

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Date: Tue, 12 Jul 1994 05:54:34 GMT  
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!kahuna!jeffrey@ames.arpa  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2vk303\$ef8@chnews.intel.com>, <77396187534n12@131.168.114.12>,  
<2vsnsn\$a3k@src-news.pa.dec.com>  
Subject : Re: Re: Does CW as a pre-req REALLY Work?

In article <2vsnsn\$a3k@src-news.pa.dec.com> ira@src.dec.com (Ira Machefsky)  
writes:  
>...but we don't ask brain surgeons to know anything about Phrenology, do we?  
>Or lawyers anything about medieval English case law. As technology and times  
>change, so do the requirements for entry into a field.

The problem with your statement is that about half of all QSO's on  
HF are via CW, and CW-only QRP rigs and kits are being sold as fast  
as they are being produced.

Jeff NH6IL

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Date: 12 Jul 1994 13:46:54 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!  
magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!wvhorn@network.ucsd.edu  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2vpr3g\$ac4@cat.cis.Brown.EDU>, <381@doghouse.win.net>,  
<2vu2d0\$if7@cat.cis.Brown.EDU>u  
Subject : Re: Does CW as a pre-req REALLY Work?

In article <2vu2d0\$if7@cat.cis.Brown.EDU>,  
Michael P. Deignan <md@pstc3.pstc.brown.edu> wrote:

>|> Instead of advocating trashing the  
>|> whole system, why not join it and work inside it to make sure it's  
>|> honest? It's not going to change anytime soon.  
>  
>There is no way to "work inside" it. And, the FCC has made abundantly  
>clear that they have no interest in the amateur radio service anymore.  
>Why should I care?

Ah yes, "I want amateur radio to be exactly the way \*I\* want it to be and  
I don't want to have to do anything personally to achieve that goal"  
is an excellent example of the wanting-something-for-nothing attitude of  
today's society.

I guess the welfare-state mentality really has invaded amateur radio.

---Bill VanHorne

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